GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1489
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003
COMMITTEE OF RETIRED HIGH OFFICIALS IN PGCI
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India has appointed a Committeeconsisting of retired high officials of public sector to advice and suggest on various issues;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference and the names of members of the said Committee;

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission and the Comptroller and AuditorGeneral of India have been averse to appointment of the said Committee; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : POWERGRID has constituted two committees-one to advise on variousissues related with procurement, project execution and financial aspects raised by external agencies and the other to advise on various financial management matters.

(b) : Details of the terms of reference of the two committees are given at Annex-I. The list of members of these committees is at Annex-II.

(c) : No adverse comment has been received either from Central Vigilance Commission or from Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the formation of the two Committees.

(d) : Does not arise.

ANNEX-I

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1489 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003.

I) Terms of reference of the committee constituted by POWERGRID to adviseon various issues related with procurement, project execution and financial aspects raised by external agencies.

1. Study of Audit Paras/Queries/complaints/issues as may be referred to thecommittee pertaining to procurement, project execution and financial aspects raised by external agencies i.e. Auditors, other agencies, etc.

2. Study the provision of bidding documents/contract agreements/evaluation reports/works and procurement policies and procedures or any other documents related to audit paras/queries complaints/issues referred to at Sl. No. 1.

3. Study/review of replies/view points as proposed/compiled by POWERGRID along with relevant provisions of the bidding/contract or any other documents concerning the replies.

4. Submission of Committee`s reasoned findings/comments/ observations to POWERGRID with respect to Sl.No. 1 & 3 above in a time bound manner but not later than 30 days from the date of referral of the audit paras/queries/complaints/issues.

5. Suggest measures for improving the existing systems and procedures as a fall out of such reviews.

(II) Terms of reference of the committee constituted by POWERGRID to advise on various financial management matters.

1. Review of existing financial management policies, systems & procedures for enhancing financial performance and operational efficiency with reference to future needs of transmission business.

2. Review of existing financial management strategies − short term and long term with reference to transmission business.

3. Review of matters concerning improvement of financial performance and operational efficiency.

4. The mobilization of funds from domestic as well as from overseas markets including business options for development of private participation including IPO.

5. Financing of new business − diversification business, etc.

6. Review of dividend policy.

7. Suggesting new systems, procedures & strategies on the basis of above review.

ANNEX-II

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1489 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003.

(I) List of members of the committee constituted by POWERGRID to advise on various issues related with procurement, project execution and financial aspects raised by external agencies.

i) Shri N. Vittal, Ex-Central Vigilance Commissioner - Chairman

ii) Dr. Trinath Mishra, Ex-Director, Central Bureau of Investigation - Member

iii) Shri J.S. Mathur, Ex-Dy. CAG & Chairman, Audit Board - Member

iv) Shri P.S. Bami, Ex-CMD, NTPC - Member

v) A Financial Management Expert from Management Development Institute - Member

vi) An Expert from IIT, Delhi in Civil/Power System area - Member

vii) GM/AGM-In-Charge of the Internal Audit in POWERGRID - Member Secretary

(II) List of members of the committee constituted by POWERGRID to advise on various financial management matters.

(i) Shri V.K. Shunglu, Ex-CAG of India - Chairman

(ii) Shri P.S. Barmi, Ex-CMD, NTPC - Member

(iii) Shri Arun Singh, Chartered Accountant - Member

(iv) Shri D. Sanyal , Professor, MDI, Gurgaon - Member

(v) Executive Director (Fin), POWERGRID - Member Secretary